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2. [ ] Placed a call to Bill Ashworth, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, to advise him of Carl Duckett's availability for the briefing he had requested. Ashworth was tied up and did not return my call. We will try again on Monday.

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3. [ ] Carl Duckett called to advise us that this morning he talked with Nancy Bearg, Professional Staff Member, Senate Armed Services Committee, in the absence of Jim Woolsey, General Counsel, and asked her to pass on to Woolsey a message that should Senator Symington consult him with regard to Joe Alsop's column this morning he (Duckett) has had absolutely no contact with Alsop on this or any other subject.

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4. [ ] In connection with our review of Defense Department's proposed legislation on Government procurement legislation I talked with both John Ford, House Armed Services Committee staff, and Herb Roback, House Government Operations Committee staff. Ford said he was aware of no action at this point in time in their Committee but he was aware of the legislation which has been introduced by Representative Chet Holifield.

Roback confirmed our understanding that Holifield's bill had been referred to the House Judiciary Committee solely because it involved a codification of a number of laws on the subject and added that Judiciary had no substantive interest in the legislation. Government Operations Committee is attempting to have this bill transferred to their Committee. In any event, Roback does not anticipate any legislative action in the House on Procurement Act revisions for some time. He did refer however to their hearings on proposals to establish an Office of Federal Procurement Authority. He said this has run into some problems however since the Administration is opposed to this proposal and the Armed Services Committee has some reservations about it. Roback said Chuck Goodwin, on his staff, would be the man to talk with on this if we would like to go into this legislation further.

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